

Remarks/Arguments

Claims 1, 6-9 and 14-16 are now pending. As explained below, Claims 1 and 9 are amended to comply with objections as to form and, therefore, simply put the application in condition for allowance.

The Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating in the November 24, 2008 Advisory Action that Claims 5 and 13 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of allowable Claim 5. Claim 9 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of allowable Claim 13. Claims 2-5 and 10-13 are canceled. In light of these amendments, the Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdraw of the final rejection of the claims.

In light of the foregoing, the Applicants respectfully submit that the entire Application is now in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested.

Please charge any shortage in the fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-3266.

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